

Besides providing contraceptive methods, family planning clinics conduct related tests and examinations, including: pelvic exams, blood pressure measurement, anemia screening, Pap smear tests, diabetes, urinary tract infection screening, pregnancy tests, HIV testing, well-baby care, infertility counseling, prenatal care, midlife health programs, and mammography screening.

Health care services are also provided to men, including STD treatment, STD screening, HIV testing, infertility counseling, and testicular cancer screening, among others.

The importance of family planning is widely recognized. According to the Institute of Medicine Committee to study the prevention of low birthweight, it is important to stress that both young teenage status and poverty are major risk factors for low birthweight, and title X is specifically targeted at low-income women, including adolescents. As such, the program should be regarded as an important part of the public efforts to prevent low birthweight.

Mr. Speaker, according to the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation, "Family planning counseling and services are essential elements of pre-conception and interconception care. We affirm that family planning should be an integral part of prenatal care to improve pregnancy outcome."

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me tomorrow and vote against the Labor-HHS rule which prohibits an amendment to restore funding to title X, and in the event that the amendment to restore funding for title X ruled in order, I urge my colleagues to support it. Support restoring these vital title X dollars.

HONORING KANSAS TECHNICAL INSTITUTE ON ITS HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Kansas [Mr. BROWNBACK] is recognized for 5 minutes.

(Mr. BROWNBACK asked and was given permission to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BROWNBACK. Mr. Speaker, it is my honor to stand on the floor of the House of Representatives and recognize an important part of Kansas and American history and that is the 100th anniversary of the Kansas Technical Institute. One hundred years ago, the State of Kansas created the Kansas Technical Institute that changed lives, providing careers and training for hundreds of men and women. It became a source of information, inspiration, and guidance to thousands.

From the beginning, the KTI was more than a school. To the school family, it became a mission to assist black women and men in pushing back any boundaries, real or perceived, that limited their lives.

The institution was founded in Topeka, KS, in 1895 by Edward Stevens

and Izie Reddick. It was called the Industrial and Educational Institute and Mr. Stevens was its first President. The institute underwent many changes over the years, including several reorganizations and expansions. In 1919, it was made a regular State school by the legislature and in 1951, it became the Kansas Technical Institute.

In its 60 year history, this African-American institution graduated thousands of students in technical trades. Many of the institute's graduates went on to become business owners, doctors, nurses, lawyers, and other professionals, making one of the most significant contributions to the development of black leadership in the State of Kansas.

Mr. Speaker, I would like to commend the Kansas Technical Institute for its critical part in our history.

MENNINGER HOSPITAL HONORED AS BEST HOSPITAL IN PSYCHIATRY IN THE NATION

Mr. Speaker, on another matter that happened in my district this past month, U.S. News and World Report named America's best hospitals. In its sixth annual hospital guide, U.S. News worked with the National Opinion Research Center, assessed hospital care nationwide and ranked hospitals across the country in 16 specialties. A random selection of American Medical Association members and nonmembers were asked to rank the five hospitals they considered the best among the best in the Nation's 1,600 tertiary care centers. I am proud to state that Menninger Hospital, located in Topeka, KS, was named the best hospital in psychiatry in the Nation. Since its beginning, the Menninger clinic has been the foremost institution in applied psychiatry in the world. Menninger offers an unparalleled scope of treatment services, research, professional education, and prevention programs.

In the past 12 years, Menninger has been recognized as one of the country's top psychiatry centers of excellence 14 times by national publications.

So, Mr. Speaker, I stand here pretty proud of what has happened in my district in the past month; proud of my district for all it has contributed to the Nation, for African-American leadership development, for leadership in psychiatric care, and I am pleased to be able to recognize that on the floor.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New Jersey [Mr. PALLONE] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. PALLONE addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

RETIREMENT OF ROGER SLAGLE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from California [Mr. MINETA] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. MINETA. Mr. Speaker, I rise this evening to recognize a member of the staff of

the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, Roger Slagle, and to express, on behalf of the committee, my gratitude to Roger for his hard work, wise counsel, wonderful sense of humor, and great personal friendship.

Roger will be retiring next week after nearly two decades of Government service and advocacy for a sound and balanced transportation system.

After graduating from Georgetown University in 1976, Roger came directly to the Hill to work on the Senate Commerce Committee. Then in 1981, he moved to Los Angeles where he served ably as the chief liaison for Federal and State Governments for the Southern California Rapid Transit District. Roger joined the House Public Works and Transportation Committee in 1988, and to our advantage, he came with a storehouse of knowledge and experience on transportation issues.

One of the great truths of Capitol Hill is that good staff work is the foundation of sound legislation. I strongly agree and think of Roger as a perfect example of that. His understanding of transportation issues and effective communication skills have combined to guide us on the committee in making many intelligent decisions. Roger's imprint can be found on many significant pieces of legislation. During the committee's consideration of the Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act in 1991, or ISTEA as it has come to be known, Roger was an energetic advocate for the cause of mass transit. Frankly, Roger is recognized as one of the most knowledgeable people in transit issues in Washington and as a leading expert among transit people in the Nation. Not only does he have a solid understanding of transit law, but he also knows many of the systems around the country first hand, making it a point to see them and ride the system—often without the local transit authorities knowing and providing escort.

Roger helped to ensure the recognition that planning for effective and efficient transportation systems is instrumental in helping to address our Nation's clean air problems. He was the lead on ISTEA on all the planning provisions which helped local governments, giving them the tools they needed to help put local governments back in charge of their transportation planning processes.

Roger was the point man for the committee staff in formulating the Americans With Disabilities Act, a monumentally important piece of legislation in opening up access for our disabled citizens.

In addition to being an extremely dedicated professional, Roger is a delightful individual with many varied interests. His personal travel takes him all over the globe, and he delights in bringing back stories and artifacts and building upon his knowledge of interesting food and diverse architecture. I have enjoyed working with Roger over these many years, admiring his irrepressible spirit and respecting his talent.

As a friend and a colleague, Roger will be missed on our committee. I join with his many friends in wishing him the best in his retirement.